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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and make appropriate notations on the Form PTO 1449 indicating that the Examiner considered the listed documents.

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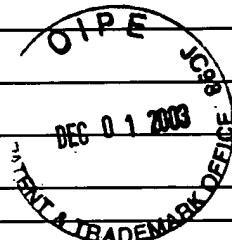
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